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AN ACT

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the child tax credit.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Child Credit Preserva-
- 5 tion and Expansion Act of 2004".

1 SEC. 2. INCREASE IN CHILD TAX CREDIT.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 24 of the
- 3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to child tax cred-
- 4 it) is amended to read as follows:
- 5 "(a) Allowance of Credit.—There shall be al-
- 6 lowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter
- 7 for the taxable year with respect to each qualifying child
- 8 of the taxpayer an amount equal to \$1,000.".
- 9 (b) Increase in Phaseout Thresholds.—Para-
- 10 graph (2) of section 24(b) of such Code is amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 "(2) Threshold amount.—For purposes of
- paragraph (1), the term 'threshold amount' means
- \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return).".
- 15 (c) Acceleration of Increase in Refundable
- 16 Portion of Credit.—Clause (i) of section 24(d)(1)(B)
- 17 of such Code is amended by striking "(10 percent in the
- 18 case of taxable years beginning before January 1, 2005)".
- 19 (d) Combat Pay Taken Into Account.—Para-
- 20 graph (1) of section 24(d) of such Code is amended by
- 21 adding at the end the following new sentence: "For pur-
- 22 poses of subparagraph (B), any amount excluded from
- 23 gross income by reason of section 112 shall be treated as
- 24 earned income which is taken into account in computing
- 25 taxable income for the taxable year.".

- 1 (e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
- 3 December 31, 2003.
- 4 SEC. 3. REPEAL OF SUNSET.
- 5 Title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Rec-
- 6 onciliation Act of 2001 shall not apply to the provisions
- 7 of, and amendments made by, sections 201 and 203 of
- 8 such Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 20, 2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

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